

Appl. No. 09/897,790
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2005
Response dated August 18, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

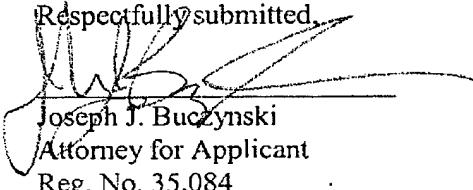
Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 32-34 will remain pending.

As requested by the Examiner, the above listing of claims outlines that claims 1-31 and 35-40 have been cancelled, and presents a clean set of pending claims 32-34. Claim 33 is currently amended to correct a minor typographical error. Also, minor editorial amendments are being made to the specification to update the status of the applications referenced therein.

Claims 35-40 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the van Valkenburg et al. patent in view of the Rautiola et al. patent, of record. Although Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, to expedite allowance, rejected claims 35-40 are being cancelled. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance allowing claims 32-34.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions at the telephone number indicated below.

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